

Printing Office,

177, GREAT BRUNSWICK STREET.

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Dear Mr May

As to Mr J. W. Nevill who took I remember to convey my letter to Boston, I never heard of his name before. But I suspect he was somebody known to somebody in Liverpool who knew Miss Estlin, for I think I sent that letter to his care to go by hand. This delay explains to me how Miss Houghton had occasion to write to me twice about the Liberator to Mrs Westwood of Hafod, near St. Asaph's. I mean to write to her. - [I have written to her.]

In the matter of the apple weather Mr Powell was I was to blame. I paid him and meant that you should pay me for him Chapman - but Mrs Martineau suggested to know whether I had disturbed any thing, and as I know she is peremptory on such points, I told her I took the money. Next time I will tell her if she asks me that I have express directions to settle with the U.S. about the charges. - I know Mrs Chapman has a notion that I am deficient in judgment about ~~such~~ matters of business - but I do the best I can - no one can do more - & it is often difficult for them at a distance to judge how others are placed.

Now, for example, I have had occasion lately as a matter of duty & because I thought his services called for some such acknowledgment to speak well of Rev. J. Matthews, how if a man is to be known by his prints (& I know no other way) that poor man has worked very hard for the cause in England.

I had some remarks on the Christian Worker for last week - but they were omitted accidentally, & shall appear in the next.

in great poverty - and yet I know Mr Chapman
doubles him and is probably doing to what
I have said for him. I can't help this. Other
things being equal, if we could get other men
to help the cause, I would prefer them as they
would be more likely to attract other helpers.

The Howadji is the name of the ship that carried
the affairs that have been lost. A good part
of the tin falls on Wilson's account and for which
I sent for the engraving, asking for some for my-
self at the same time.

What was in the parcel from say I do not
know, except ~~a~~ portrait of Thomas Garratt
that he was sending to me at my request.

About the unhappy transmission to New
York: that, again, seems not to have been the
fault of any one here. The Box was directed
to Boston and sent to Mr North. The Liverpool
Customs agents for transmission to Boston under
the impression that it would be sent to direct.
Then they did not do - so that care must be taken
in future that explicit directions to this
effect are given. Mr Edmund's brother Henry
Wigham, said they always sent from Edinburgh
to Mr North as they thought some compensation
which gave charges.

When I wrote to you that I had sent £10 to
Silvery to help him off - I had not actually sent
the money - but I desired his Liverpool friend
David Marples, a printer, to hand it to him if
it would help him to pay his paper, & that on
receiving G's acknowledgment from Mr Marples
I would send him the money. After some
days he wrote to me that he had given him the

money, and that he was poor - but that he
thought it better not to mention who gave it. Now
I suspect that Gilroy was so disappointed with me
for not acceding to his applications for larger sums
such as £250 - £50 - £20, ^{or} in addition to my
original loan ^{of £50} that he would perhaps have refused
the money from me, even in the extremity to which
he was reduced in his anxiety to get home, which
was such that he talked of throwing himself into
the dock unless he could get off. In one letter
he said he wished he had never "dared" my door -
he several times said I was "cracked" and was
"mad" when I differed in opinion from him.
I refer to this matter again because he is now on his
way home & he may be told in Boston. Whether I
will ever get my £60 again, I do not know - but
if he should say any thing about me, I wish there
should be some one on the spot who may know how
matters stand. Otherwise I don't desire to have
my name mentioned to him in any way. I believe
and his honorable behavior has been to be an upright
man - that he will pay if he can. I never asked
him for interest or for any advantage on my
loan - which was made at some inconvenience
from a desire to help a man engaged in a good
anti-slavery work. My correspondence with him
when he wrote shortly before he left Liverpool, to
get me to advance money to get him a cabine
package, & £200 for some other affairs, was the
most unpleasant I ever had with any one. It was
a perfect mental blinder - and my time & thoughts
were taken up ^{by it} as before than I could afford
from my own business. I am sure he don't wish
these matters to be known at Boston & I only write
to you that you may have my side of the
story if he speaks of me. He seemed to me to have
a perfectly insane terror of his name being known in

commenced with his book which he said would
render his life uneventful in the United States.
What will become then of Mrs Stone, Helper and
J. M. Weston? - out to check of the notorious abo-
litionists?

This unluckily Mrs Jacob. I write to you all about
her. Her maiden name was Joseph and when quite an
old maid she married a Mr Jacob, a poor artist, with
whom she lived happily for some years - now she is
a poor widow with a heart much larger than her
purse. She was so long "Joseph" that people are apt to
mistake her married name for the mistake in
your case. However, strange to say, it was not
but my wife who made the blunder. I have no doubt
the papers go all right - but as the poor woman pre-
fers her married to her maiden name, you had better call
her Mrs Jacob in future.

On receipt of your sketches I sent them & your letter to
Mrs Nichol of Glasgow that she might attend to them &
to your wishes immediately. You speak as if surprised you
had had no answer - but then when you last wrote to me
would have been impossible unless the electric telegraph
had been completed.

I send you a statement of account to the present time
from which you will see that I owe you £28.11.1. I probably
some items that I have not entered for money paid
out for me in Boston ~~elsewhere~~ elsewhere - including
my ~~the~~ unluckily pattern of the Howards' cargo. My son
wishes in future to take the balance into our ledger &
to receive and pay all accounts for you - so that it
will save our wife some trouble & make a reference easy
& tolerably certain in future from henceforth.

Soon I had your last letter I wrote to Mrs Nichol
again on your behalf - requesting her to communicate
all over with you in order to save time.

Yours ever truly

Richard D Webb

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